

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed December 19, 2005. Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-22 were pending in this Application. Claims 2 and 12 were previously cancelled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-16 stand allowed and Claims 17-22 stand rejected.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 17-22 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,674,688 issued to Hiroshi Kanesaka ("Kanesaka"). Applicants respectfully submit the cited art does not teach all of the elements of the claimed embodiment of the invention, however, to expedite prosecution of the instant application, Applicants cancel Claims 17-22.

Allowable Claims

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-16 stand allowed.

Petition for Extension of Time

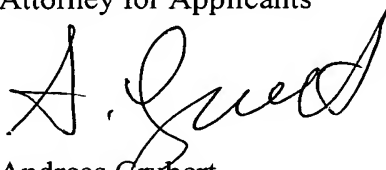
Applicants enclose a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time Request, along with a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the filing fee.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe there are no further fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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